

## EYSA BOARD MEETING – MINUTES

April 24, 2016

In attendance: Todd Reinert, Morgan Miller, Rob Cymbor, Nicole Henry, Jackie McCarty, Tim Peterson, Marisa Gilbert, Brandon Putt, Rich Matijasich, James Noel, Jon “Corky” Steiger, Kerry Eyler.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm.

March 2016 minutes were amended to include correction to the Winter Instaskills program. It was not a loss, we did make a profit of approximately \$500. The amended minutes were approved (1<sup>st</sup> Rob, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jackie).

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Nothing to report.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- Morgan created a list of potential corporate sponsors to cover the cost of uniform shirts for the youth program. Already she received three commitments. Rich will create a shared spreadsheet that all can update if they approach a potential sponsor.
- The Berks Classic Tournament requires approximately 100 volunteers each day so we need to reach out to parents, coaches, schools, and any other organizations who can help. Reading United will not be involved. Instead, the committee is using GotSoccer to manage game schedules, etc. Shuttle service to offsite parking will be provided on both days.

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

Summary from monthly RBJSL meeting:

- Clubs must pay their registration fees at relegation or the league will not register their teams.
- Coach clinic will be July 30 at Body Zone; there may be a small cost to participating clubs to cover cost of facility rental.
- Reading United will host RBJSL nights in July and August.
- Teams must be submitted to the league by July 13. Relegation is July 18.
- Clubs need to do a better job of meeting deadlines and making sure their coaches have everything they need before the season starts.
- RBJSL welcomed two guest clubs – AFC United and Upper Milford Youth Association, both recreational clubs from Lehigh Valley.
- While some referees are not allowing heading in games, there is no mandate; if action is taken against a player who heads the ball, contact Ed Fink with the referee’s name.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

- Financials were reviewed. 501c3 status on hold until bylaw revisions are completed.

REGISTRAR’S REPORT:

- We can leave registration open for the Fall recreational program as long as we want but t-shirt orders will become an issue.
- Jackie is getting emails from parents in the youth program asking for their children to be teamed up with friends. In order to avoid the perception of “stacking teams,” Corky suggests we allow coaches to have their own children but then form the rest of the teams by picking names out of a hat.
- Reminder that coaches must return all passes and score cards to Jackie at the conclusion of the spring season.

## BOYS'/GIRLS' DIRECTOR REPORTS:

### BOYS:

- Tim said only four parents have contacted him about their kids playing up to the next age group. This is a much lower number than in the past.
- There seems to be an issue with RBJSL scheduling only one ref for U13 games, when three refs are required for 11v11.
- Tim recommended we extend the registration deadline to early July, and waive late fee for birth years 2004 and earlier, to encourage the older kids to sign up; since they are not evaluating, the April 30 deadline is not as crucial.
- The club will host informal kick-arounds for players age 7 and over each Tuesday in July; players must be registered for fall soccer in order to participate for liability reasons.

### GIRLS:

- Marisa found out that several girls were accepted into FC but still want to play with Exeter. Jackie cautioned that if FC does not submit their paperwork in a timely manner, it may be too late to add the players as secondaries onto our teams. Parents must be reminded that if a player is registered with FC or Rage, those are their primary teams; players MUST participate in their primary game in order to be allowed to play in our game the same weekend.
- Some players will miss the first night of evaluations due to a mandatory school function; they will be allowed to attend another session on Friday, May 20.

## YOUTH DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

- Spring rec starts May 1. Many more coaches still needed. Shirts and water bottles are being printed now. Program will run Thursday evenings 6pm and Sunday mornings 10am at Trout Run (except May 22). The program will be extended one week due to some teams participating in the Berks Classic Tournament.
- The U7/8 players participating in the Berks Classic Tournament will purchase the travel program alternate color practice jerseys and will have numbers printed on the back.
- Jim and Todd discussed a pilot program of splitting the U5/6 group into two separate groups. Based on current numbers, this would only have added one extra team. U5 would play 4v4, U6 would stay 6v6. The benefit of splitting them is taking away anxiety of a smaller 4-year-old playing against a bigger 5-year-old. Also, by splitting the groups, we can allow the younger U5 kids (born August 1 thru December 31) to play. Jackie will see if this change can be made in the registration database. If it can, we will post a notice on FB, use word-of-mouth, etc. (1<sup>st</sup> Corky, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marisa).

## FIELD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

- Coaches who need to reschedule home games must have all information, including game #, before they contact Corky.
- Mike Lee III will divide the small Farming Ridge field into quarters with orange paint for the Spring U5/6 program.
- Need to shift Upper Lausch and Farming Ridge fields this summer.
- It was recommended that for Fall travel, we use Jacksonwald for U9 and Lorane Hollow Park for U10.

EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Absent. No report.

#### CPD DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- U7-U9 transition training going well. Can see a marked difference in the players who are attending regularly.
- Jim and Jason Long have discussed the possibility of having several goal keeper clinics on Sundays at 11:30am this spring. They trainers in mind and will make sure they have all required clearances. Players will be split into groups U8-U10, and U11-older. Dates will be announced later.
- Goalie/Striker summer camp: Tentatively scheduled for July 19 and 21.
- Eric Franks will be running a summer camp July 11-14. We will advertise this.
- Brandon has been trying to get in touch with EPYSA's Gary Stephenson to schedule a group "E" license training session locally. Colin Kent has been trying to do the same.
- Brandon will continue to check in with coaches this spring, and will ask for feedback when the season ends.

#### FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Schmeck's Villa has agreed to let us hold our Pancake Breakfast at their restaurant (tentatively January 28). They will provide cooks and all food/beverages – in return they ask for \$2.50 per ticket for reimbursement. After the winter session starts, we will advertise and start selling tickets.
- Chick-fil-a will sponsor a spirit week for us in May, giving us 15% of their sales for the week we choose. We will look at week of May 16 so that we can put flyers out at evaluations. We will also distribute flyers to spring coaches before the season ends.
- Morgan will find out if the high school kids will be working with us again for the Kauffman's fundraiser.

WEBSITE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Absent, no report.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Rob is forwarding proposed bylaw changes to Chris Branscome of EPYSA for review.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Families who are in need of financial assistance for registration fees may contact the board with their request. Requests for relief will be handled on a case-by-case basis. It would be much appreciated if parents who receive financial assistance offer some time to volunteer for an event in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 pm (motioned by Rob Cymbor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jackie McCarty).